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Idaho Milk Production Up 3.4 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2011 totaled 968 million pounds, a 3.4 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 9.1 percent from January 2011, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. January 2011 milk production was revised to 1.07 billion pounds, down 13 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in February 2011 was 1,690 pounds, unchanged from February 2010. The average number of milk cows during February was 573,000 head, up 19,000 from February 2010, but unchanged from January 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from February 2010. January revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from January 2010. The January revision represented a decrease of 21 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,666 pounds for February, 24 pounds above February 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 81,000 head more than February 2010, but no change from January 2011.